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1. Because of ice floes, the Volga River at Kriusha is impassable for river traffic from the beginning of November until the end of April. Kriusha usually accommodated about 30 barges and 20 self-propelled river boats each winter from 1940 to 1946. Most of these craft were from 3000 to 4000 register tons, although one winter there were two tankers of 8000 Brutto register tons put up.
2. River traffic on the Volga was at a peak during the summer of 1941. Later in the war, traffic declined to a considerable extent as the battle was pushed farther to the west.
3. Most Volga River boats are constructed in shipyards located at Rybinsk (58°5' N - 38°48' E) and Sormovo (sic), north of Moscow. The majority of the barges serving on the river are of wooden construction, while tankers and most self-propelled ships are of steel. Early in the war, many river boats were converted from oil to coal consumption. The Volga Canal at Moscow handles all types of river boats with the exception of wooden boats, which are not allowed to pass through this canal.
4. The following Volga River ships were identified:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Engine HP</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Stenka Razin	1600 to 2000	Unknown	This tugboat is one of the largest and best on the Volga; it can tow 4 to 5 large, fully-loaded tank barges upstream.
Mongol	1200	Unknown	Very old.
Marshal Zhukov	1200	Unknown	Equipped with a Lentz engine.
Unza	Unknown	8000 Brutto Register	Tanker
Argentina	Unknown	8000 Brutto Register	Tanker

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Ruslan	3-400	Unknown	
Elton	600	Unknown	
Chkalov	6-800	Unknown	
Volgastroi	1200	Unknown	
Nikoyan	1200	Unknown	Passenger ship equipped with 2 Diesel engines.
Fedoshenko	5-600	Unknown	Equipped with a Lentz engine.
Chapzyev	5-600	Unknown	Equipped with a Lentz engine.
M. Kalinin	1200	Unknown	Passenger ship, equipped with 2 Diesel engines.
Kaspisstroï	150	Unknown	Has two 75 h.p. vertical steam engines.
W. Kuybishev	750	Unknown	Passenger ship.
Usyskin	500-600	Unknown	Passenger ship.

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